GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF BAMBOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the large scale smuggling of Bamboo in some States ;

(b) if so, the details of such smugglings during the last three years and current year, State-wise ; and

(c) the steps taken to curb the smuggling of Bamboo and to promote the plantation of Bamboo ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) No, Sir. No cases of large scale smuggling of Bamboo have been reported from the States.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Financial assistance is being provided to the State / UT Governments under Integrated Forest Protection Scheme for strengthening the protection machinery. Under the National Afforestation Programme, Bamboo plantations are being undertaken on degraded forest areas through peoples` participation.